

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Washington April 7, 1942

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The Acting Secretary of State to the President of Haiti

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1942

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

With reference to your memorandum of April 6 and to our conversation yesterday afternoon, I take pleasure in confirming that this Government is prepared to assist the Government of Haiti in the carrying out of certain health and sanitation projects. The Government of the United States, in making available a sum of approximately \$350,000 to be expended for this purpose, is acting in accordance with Resolution XXX regarding health and sanitary conditions adopted by the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics in Rio de Janeiro.¹⁰

It is my understanding from the memorandum referred to that the Haitian Government desires this assistance in connection with the execution of certain sanitary projects such as the draining of marshy regions, the improvement of water supply, the development of facilities for adequate sewage dis-

¹ EAS 453, *post*, p. 774.

² TIAS 1693, *post*, p. 817.

³ TIAS 1801, *post*, p. 839.

⁴ TIAS 1977, *post*, p. 854.

⁵ 1 UST 811; TIAS 2156.

⁶ 2 UST 2551; TIAS 2376.

⁷ 3 UST 3993; TIAS 2536.

⁸ 3 UST 4043; TIAS 2547.

⁹ 6 UST 791; TIAS 3224.

¹⁰ For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 7, 1942, p. 137.

posals and other miscellaneous work designed primarily to protect the health of personnel who may be stationed at posts of the Coast Guard Service, the Marine railway and at the aviation field at Chancerelles.

Accordingly the Government of the United States, acting through the agency of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is disposed to send, if it is agreeable to you, a small group of experts to Haiti in order to develop a specific program in agreement with your Government, acting through officials designated by it. This group will be under the immediate direction of the Chief Medical Officer of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and will work in the closest cooperation with the appropriate Haitian officials. The salaries and expenses of the group of experts will be paid for by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and will not be debited against project funds. Approval for the actual execution of the specific projects agreed upon will be given by the respective Governments or their duly appointed agents. Expenditures for such projects shall be made upon certification of the Chief Medical Officer and the appropriate Haitian official designated for the areas where projects will be executed.

These projects upon completion will of course become the sole property of the Republic of Haiti. Furthermore, in accordance with a request contained in your memorandum under reference, the United States Government will be prepared to facilitate such training of personnel as the two Governments deem advisable.

My Government anticipates that the Haitian Government will be willing to provide, in accordance with its ability, such raw materials, services and funds as may be deemed necessary for the proper execution of the program.

Believe me, my dear Mr. President, with assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration,

Yours very sincerely,

SUMNER WELLES

His Excellency

M. ELIE LESCOT,

President of the Republic of Haiti.

The President of Haiti to the Acting Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 7, 1942

MY DEAR MR. WELLES:

In confirmation of our conversation of yesterday afternoon, and in reply to the communication which you were kind enough to address to me today,

I desire to express my appreciation of the decision of the Government of the United States of America to provide for a sum of approximately \$350,000 for the expenses necessary for the carrying out of certain health and sanitation projects in the Republic of Haiti, in accordance with the terms of Resolution XXX adopted at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics in Rio de Janeiro.

I take pleasure in informing you, my dear Mr. Welles, that the Government of the Republic of Haiti accepts with pleasure the offer of your Government to send a group of experts to Haiti to develop a special health and sanitation program, in agreement with the authorized officials of the Haitian Government, and also agrees to conduct this project as a cooperative effort in accordance with the stipulations of your letter.

Furthermore, the Haitian Government, according to its ability, will provide the raw materials, funds, and services, which are deemed necessary for the proper execution of the joint program of health and sanitation.

With the assurances of my very high consideration, I beg you, dear Mr. Welles, to believe in my invariably friendly sentiments.

E. LESCOT

President of the Republic of Haiti

The Honorable

SUMNER WELLES

Acting Secretary of State

Department of State

Washington, D.C.